



Archaeology News



- from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist

- **DHPA archaeological outreach is varied-** One of the most enjoyable aspects of our jobs as archaeologists serving the public is sharing information with that same public. Our outreach can take the form of publications, presentations, webpage information, telephone discussions, and more. Recently, we have had several opportunities to assist members of the public in identifying artifacts in their collections as well as recording site location information. The DHPA encourages the public to record archaeological site information because, once identified, sites are easier to protect. Anyone wishing to record an archaeological site location or other information should feel free to contact our office.



Dr. Rick Jones (standing) and Chris Koeppel (on the right) assist recent DHPA visitors with information regarding their artifact collection.

- **Archaeology Intern-** The DHPA Archaeology Section has a new volunteer intern. Vianca Antonia Canto-Ponce will be assisting on every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer. Vianca is in the process of completing her senior year at the University of Indianapolis and is majoring in Archaeology and Anthropology. She will be involved in various projects which may include: working with artifact collections and organization, working with site files, assisting in fieldwork, etc. Experiences such as these can be extremely valuable for learning more about archaeological activities in the State Archaeologist's office and around Indiana. Vianca states that she "sought an internship with DNR because I wished to gain a greater knowledge of the professional side of archaeology while applying some of the skills I've acquired during my academic training." We are pleased to welcome Vianca to our office. If you are interested in an internship with our office, do not hesitate to contact us.
- **Public Comment Period for Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program-** The DHPA is once again seeking public input on the National Park Services' Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program that is administered by our office. Constituents are invited to provide written comments on the overall program

guidelines and grant evaluation criteria (priorities) that are used to score and rank proposals. This way, the priorities and guidelines are guaranteed to reflect statewide programmatic needs identified by our staff as well as the preservation concerns of our constituents. The priorities and guidelines may be downloaded from the DHPA's website at www.IN.gov/dnr/historic.

Once you have reviewed the materials, please mail, fax, or e-mail any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff no later than **Friday, July 22, 2005**. All comments must be submitted in writing. Public input will be presented to the State Historic Preservation Review Board for consideration during its meeting on July 27, 2005.

Thank you for helping us continually improve and refine the HPF grants program in order to keep it responsive to the identified preservation needs in Indiana. If you have any questions about the proposed evaluation criteria, please do not hesitate to contact the Grants Staff at 317-232-1646.

Mail comments to:

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- **Agriculture and Archaeology**- New to our webpage (<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archmonth/pdf/agriarcheo.pdf>) is a helpful document regarding archaeological resources and agriculture. For those involved in agricultural activities, you will find information on recording sites, the laws which protect sites and cemeteries, collecting artifacts, etc.



- State Archaeologist's presentation to the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society-**
 In May, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones gave a presentation to the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society. This group was formed in July 2002 in keeping with the public education goals and objectives (2002-2005) of the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists (KyOPA). The society is designed to be inclusive of professionals, students, amateurs and collectors, other professionals in pertinent disciplines (such as teachers, historians, geologists, etc.), American Indians, and interested public. The geographic area of interest for this society encompasses the constricted Ohio River Valley region of north central Kentucky and southern Indiana within a one-hundred mile radius of Louisville. Dr. Jones spoke about historic Native Americans in Indiana, archaeological investigations related to historic Native Americans, and research themes such as acculturation and ethnogenesis.



Members of the Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society at Dr. Jones' presentation (photo courtesy of Leslie Rumbley, Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society).



Dr. Rick Jones (second from left) speaking with Society members (from l to r) Bob Gallman, Barbara De Ment, and Perry Harrell. Photo courtesy of Sundeia Murphy.

- Recent finds at a National Historic Landmark in Vincennes-** In May, archaeologists from the DHPA investigated the accidental discovery of historic artifacts at Grouseland, the home of William Henry Harrison (our ninth President) while he was Territorial Governor. Portions of the grounds around this historic home had been the subject of previous archaeological investigations decades ago by archaeologists. Recently, a variety of archaeological materials was recovered and is being analyzed. Staff at Grouseland plan to use this discovery, and the information learned from the artifacts, to further the interpretation of this nationally significant property, and to incorporate archaeology into their heritage tourism efforts.



Example of one of the historic artifacts found at Grouseland.

- **Archaeology Grants Awarded-** This year the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology has awarded 23 grants, \$511,850 in federal historic preservation fund grants (HPF), to municipal government agencies, educational institutions, and local not-for-profit organizations in Indiana. The funds come from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. The State Historic Preservation Review Board approved funding recommendations that best met federal and state priorities and guidelines. All of the projects must be completed by June 30, 2006. In the Archaeology category, the DHPA received ten proposals requesting \$280,234. The five top-ranked applications were awarded funding totaling \$133,275.

Fort Wayne: The Archaeological Survey of IU-PU at Fort Wayne received a \$35,175 grant to collect data about Paleoindian chronology, technology, and social organization in northeastern Indiana. The project will involve field survey, geophysical survey, limited testing at two archaeological sites, and public education programs for Indiana Archaeology Month. The Archaeological Survey of IU-PU at Fort Wayne also received a \$49,025 grant to continue research at the Prather site, a multi-mound Mississippian complex in Clark County. The project will conduct additional fieldwork to define the site boundaries and study the southwest mound in order to discern its size and major construction stages.

Indianapolis: Martin University was awarded a \$10,000 archaeology public education grant to conduct its Next Step Education Through Archaeology Program at Fort Harrison State Park. This successful program is in its seventh year and is an opportunity for predominately minority high school students from Indianapolis to participate in a six-week summer field school activity. The program educates students about archaeology and provides them with skills and experience that enhance their competitive advantage in college.

Muncie: Ball State University Department of Anthropology received a \$26,850 grant to investigate the Fudge Site in Randolph County. The goal of the project is to increase understanding of Early/Middle Woodland ceremonial and settlement systems in eastern Indiana and the Ohio River valley through investigations of the Fudge site chronology, construction, and function. The Fudge site is the largest enclosure reported in Indiana and originally consisted of 31 to 43 acres.

Notre Dame: The University of Notre Dame was awarded \$9,075 to conduct an educational program through geophysical surveys and testing at the 1890s Collier Lodge site in Porter County. The project is a continuation of research begun in 2003 and a public archaeology program conducted in 2004. The public education portion of the project will be in cooperation with the Kankakee Valley Historical Society and will be open to members of the community.

This information is distributed via email by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). This is meant to

provide information on current archaeological topics and issues in which the DHPA is involved. An archive of past *Archaeology News* issues is available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeonwsltr.html> . If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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